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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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S/N: 09/815,946 Art Unit: 3612  
Filed: March 23, 2001 Date: October 31, 2002  
For: TIE DOWN COUPLING SYSTEM

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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the Office Action mailed 31 July 2002. As this response is believed to fully comply with the Examiner's requirements, prompt action on the merits of the case is respectfully requested.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please add the following header and paragraph before the Field of the Invention heading on page 1:

**Statement of Related Application**

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/191,808, filed March 24, 2000.

Kindly replace paragraph 10 with new paragraph 10:

[0010] By referring now to Fig. 2 of the drawings, a transverse section, on an enlarged scale,

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment and 6 sheets of drawings for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\***

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37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

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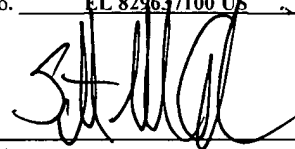
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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL ADDIT. FEE						\$	0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

#### FEE DEFICIENCY

5. An additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 15-0450.

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